

REMARKS

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. The rejection refers to a step that shows a result; this is not understood because the claim is directed to a system, not a method. In any event, claim 17 has been amended to include the transmission section. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The independent claims have been amended to define a tree structure of the elements in the structured document. Support for the amendment is found at page 16, line 17 through page 17, line 2, page 17, lines 16-25, and page 19, line 25 through page 20, line 12.

Claims 17-30, 47-59, and 61 were rejected as unpatentable over BODNAR et al. 6,295,541 in view of BENSON et al. 6,202,085. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The amended claims define a structured document composed of a plurality of elements which are hierarchically organized in a tree structure. Neither reference discloses this tree structure, which would not be obvious to one of skill in the art. Thus, the amended claims avoid the rejection under §103.

The tree structure allows management of updated parts using the tree-structure position information of each element. See, for example, Figure 5 wherein it is seen that by searching the top node of a minimum element including all updated parts, a

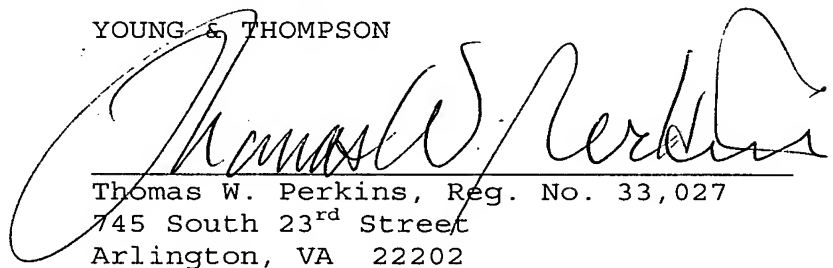
transfer unit can be determined and transferred. This is explained at the above-noted parts of the specification that support the amendment. The references do not disclose or suggest this feature.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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